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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation (Report #109 - As of 4:00 PM EDT)

- 1. The military situation remains generally quiet with no fresh reports of cease-fire violations.
- 2. Pakistani Foreign Minister Bhutto, passing through Paris on 9 October, is reported to have said that he intends to discuss with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko in New York what appropriate measures should be taken to end the India-Pakistan dispute. He also stated that he will talk over the proposal made by the Soviet prime minister for an India-Pakistan summit meeting in Tashkent. Bhutto again spoke of Pakistan's possible withdrawal from the United Nations but "only in the event that no steps are taken" towards a solution of the Kashmir dispute.
- 3. About 500 demonstrators were stopped by police from approaching the US Consulate General and the British Deputy High Commission in Calcutta yesterday, according to a news service. The crowd reportedly was protesting what it called the "nefarious policy of persistent intervention" by the US and Britain in the Kashmir question. Copies of a memorandum were later given to American and British officials.
- 4. Radio Peking announced the departure of the Pakistani "friendship delegation" headed by Commerce Minister Faruque after a ten-day visit. The primary purpose of the delegation was to attend Chinese National Day celebrations and discuss commercial and civil air matters but they may also have discussed military materiel assistance.

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- 5. Prime Minister Shastri in a broadcast to the nation said "the food front today is almost as vital as the military front" as he called upon farmers to give their all to make India self-sufficient in food. The prime minister said that India was especially thankful to the US and other countries for food they had supplied but added that India must be prepared for a time when she cannot import all the food needed.
- 6. The Chinese Communist Consul General in Dacca reaffirmed Chinese support of the people of Kashmir in "their struggle for the right of self-determination," according to Karachi domestic radio service. He also denounced "Indian aggression" against Pakistan and said that "the Chinese people will always come forward to help Pakistan in its hour of need."
- 7. Another small Chinese Communist incursion of the Sino-Indian border has been reported by New Delhi. Three armed Chinese soldiers are said to have exchanged fire with an Indian patrol on Indian territory west of Nepal on 9 October. India has lodged a protest with China.
- 8. India today ordered a partial curfew in Srinagar after police clashed with stone throwing pro-Pakistan demonstrators on 9 October. Five arrests were made and one person was killed when the demonstrators refused to disperse.